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MINING: Alaska ballot initiative could block Pebble Mine construction (Thursday, August 18, 2011)

A ballot initiative that could have a devastating impact on a proposed copper and gold mine in Alaska escaped a state Supreme Court hearing unscathed yesterday and will be allowed to go before voters this fall.

The initiative would ban Lake and Peninsula Borough, essentially the Alaskan equivalent of a county, from granting permits to mines that would have "a significant adverse impact" on salmon streams and rivers. If approved by borough voters, the initiative would block construction of the giant Pebble mine, the plans for which straddle multiple salmon-rich streams. If completed, Pebble would be the largest open-pit mine in North America. Pebble attempted to block the initiative in court, arguing that it would be unenforceable. The mine was defeated though in superior court and then again yesterday in Alaska Supreme Court.

Mine supporters have argued that Pebble would not harm the fish population while bringing needed jobs to the region, but mine opponents have said that Pebble could destroy a fish population that locals have counted on for generations (Lisa Demer, Anchorage Daily News, Aug. 17). -- LN

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